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CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A symbol-bearing receptacle for a fluid, said receptacle comprising:
 - a container for said fluid; and
 - a transparent symbol disposed on said container, said symbol having a water reactivity that differs from water reactivity of said container,
wherein the difference in water reactivities renders said symbol visually distinct from said container when said container holds said fluid.
2. (Original) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 1, wherein said symbol is hydrophilic and said container is hydrophobic.
3. (Original) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 1, wherein said symbol is hydrophobic and said container is hydrophilic.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 1, wherein said symbol comprises a plastic film.
6. (Original) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 1, wherein said symbol comprises a silicone film.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 1, wherein said symbol is embedded in a surface of said container.
- 9-20. (Cancelled)
21. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 1, said container comprising a confined passageway disposed within a surface of the container.
22. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 21, said passageway configured for holding a coolant.

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23-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A symbol-bearing receptacle for a fluid, said receptacle comprising:

a container for said fluid, the container comprising an open fluid receptacle formed of a base disposed upon a substrate and a wall affixed to and extending upwardly from said base; and
a transparent symbol disposed on said base and facing said substrate, said symbol having a water reactivity that differs from a water reactivity of said container;

wherein the difference in water reactivities renders said symbol visually distinct from said container when said container holds said fluid.

26. (Currently Amended) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 25, said symbol comprising a pattern that develops on a surface supporting said base due to water condensation when said container holds said fluid.

27. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 25, said base comprising a material surrounding said symbol that is dissimilar to material forming said symbol.

28. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 27, wherein said material forming said symbol is hydrophilic and said material surrounding said symbol is hydrophobic.

29. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 27, wherein said material forming said symbol is hydrophobic and said material surrounding said symbol is hydrophilic.

30. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 25, further comprising a plurality of base extensions elevating said substrate from said base, wherein one or more of said base extensions form said symbol.

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31. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 25, said container further comprising a confined passageway disposed within one or both of said base and said wall.

32. (Previously Presented) The symbol-bearing receptacle of claim 31, said confined passageway configured for holding a coolant.